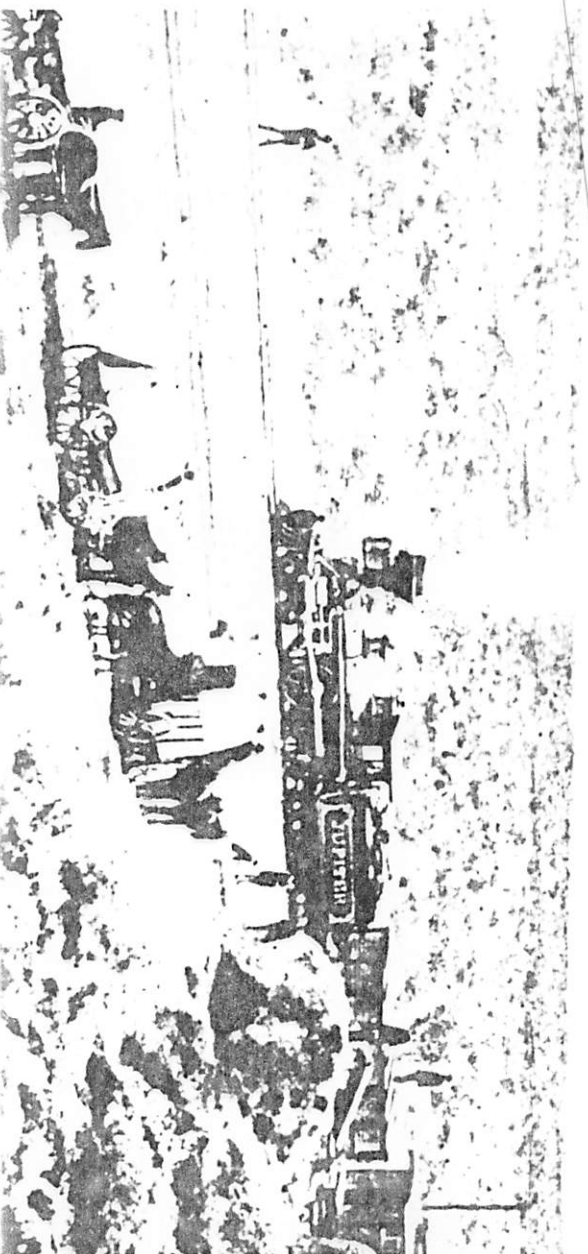


Enroute to Last Spike ceremonies, May 8, 1869. Governor Leland Stanford's special train was met by a covered wagon caravan westward bound with emigrants. The meeting of the old and the new foreshadowed the future. (Photo by A. Hart, Sacramento)





# Rail route will be preserved

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PROMONTORY, Box Elder County — The Bureau of Land Management and state tourism officials hope to transform a portion of the country's first transcontinental railroad bed, which passes through Box Elder County, into a tourist attraction.

Some 90 miles of railroad bed from Promontory to the Nevada border will be preserved in the first phase of the project. The Golden Spike Empire, the state's tourism group in northern Utah, and the BLM hope to obtain a National Historic Site and National Recreation Trail designation for the railroad section.

The recreation trail designation would allow construction of a jeep trail along the railroad bed.

Several Weber State College departments will help develop the tourist site.



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